

RECOGNIZING SCOTTISH RITE FOR
CHILDREN'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY**HON. VAN TAYLOR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 5, 2021

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to recognize and celebrate Texas Scottish Rite for Children on 100 years of orthopedic excellence and commitment to improving the lives of children around the world.

Founded by a group of Texas Masons, Scottish Rite for Children first opened its doors on October 10, 1921. In partnership with Dallas' first Orthopedic Surgeon, Dr. William Bell Carrell, the clinic's mission was to provide free medical care to children with polio. Following the eradication of polio in America, the hospital grew to specialize in complex pediatric orthopedic conditions with a focus on muscles, bones, and joints. The scope of care would further broaden to include neurodevelopmental and musculoskeletal conditions as well as specific learning disorders.

What began as a one-room clinic run by Dr. Carrell has today grown into a world-renowned hospital whose groundbreaking research has paved the way for advanced treatments for over 350,000 patients.

Home to several specialized research centers, Scottish Rite remains a pioneer in innovative treatments holding over fifty patents. Active involvement in hundreds of projects range from areas focused on molecular genetics to those in bioengineering and biomechanics. Further, collaboration between researchers from various educational backgrounds have resulted in the creation of surgical implants, treatment for specific disorders, and rehabilitation aids.

The success of the hospital would not be possible without the help of volunteers, staff member and donors who have a shared commitment to improving the lives of the children they serve locally and across the world.

Today, Scottish Rite has distinguished itself as a healthcare campus instilling hope in patients and caregivers. Designed with both patient and family experience in mind, its research centers and facilities are connected to playgrounds, parks, and fitness centers, while the colorful hallways carry the aroma of the over two tons of signature popcorn popped annually.

Consistently recognized as a top-performing children's hospital, it is no surprise they have been ranked among the Top 5 Orthopedic Programs in the U.S. News & World Report's Best Children's Hospital's survey and have also been recognized on multiple occasions by NRC Health with the Excellence in Patient Experience Award.

Now as we recognize Scottish Rite for Children on this milestone occasion, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring 100 years of exemplary care and innovation.

RECOGNIZING THE SHEPHERD'S
CENTER OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

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Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the volunteers of the Shepherd's Center of Northern Virginia and to thank them for their many contributions to the Northern Virginia community.

Organized in 1997, the formally named Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna (SCOV) is a nonprofit that provides services to help older adults continue living independently, and it offers programs that supply opportunities for enrichment, learning, and socialization.

Each year, over 250 volunteers support older residents who want to both age in place in their homes and stay engaged in social activities. Services are available free of charge to anyone age 50 or older who resides in the local community.

In the past few years, the Shepherd's Center has greatly expanded their geographical footprint. After seeing a rising need in Reston and Herndon for free transportation services for seniors, the original Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna expanded their service area. Earlier this year that expansion continued as the Shepherd's Center expanded to include the former territory covered by the Shepherd's Center of Great Falls, creating one unified Shepherd's Center of Northern Virginia.

As the Shepherd's Center has grown, they have been able to share their vision with even more older adults in our communities which has been more important than ever. The commitment to a world without loneliness has a whole new meaning as we have navigated this pandemic with social distancing and quarantining. The Shepherd's Center's innovation and dedication to our community has been invaluable, especially during this past year and a half.

The services and programs offered by the Shepherd's Center help to ensure that our seniors stay connected to the community through the promotion of active lifestyles, ongoing social integration, and availability of resources for older residents to use their experience, training, and skills in significant roles in society.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the Shepherd's Center of Northern Virginia for its work to enable older adults in our community to age in place and enjoy their golden years with dignity and independence. I thank the many volunteers who generously dedicate their time and efforts to the welfare of our neighbors. The value of their contributions cannot be overstated and are deserving of our highest praise.

RECOGNIZING THE FAIRFAX COUNTY
4-H ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT
CEREMONY AWARDEES**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Fairfax County 4-H Achievement Night Ceremony Awardees.

Each year, the Fairfax County 4-H offers fun and hands-on learning experiences to youth ages 5 through 18 with the help of dedicated volunteers. These unique opportunities to educate on subjects such as animals, leadership, cooking, and the outdoors is contributing towards developing our future leaders of tomorrow. This year's awardees are integral to the success of Fairfax County 4-H, and the enrichment opportunities and experiences will last a lifetime. It is my honor to include in the RECORD the following awardees and commend them for their service to the Fairfax County 4-H:

Emilia Anderson, Sugirthan Arun, Sarah Banko, Lauren Banko, Becca Berglie, Alexandra Blake, Ariana Blake, Avery Blosil, Jonathan Carney, Tyler Carney, Renee Coppock, Kate Diller, Tony Diller, Mary Moss, Sofia Parra-Gomez, Owen Penrose, Nora Pollack, Jason Powers, Ashley Powers, Ashlynn Prisky, Katrina Rakusan, Helen Rix, Hannah Rosenbusch.

Ariana Dzubin, Ethan Dzubin, Maria Frago, Penny Gray, James Gray, Juliette Hainuat, Charlotte Hainuat, Emily Hollinger, Lucas Hollinger, Ian Kruszewski, Johanna McMullen, Alexa Mitchell, Kaitlin Moss, Anya Sargurudoss, Sabrina Shumway, Madeline Smith, Rosemary Stuhldreher, Anna Townsend, Kate Townsend, Chris'Shon Trice, Athena Trollinger, Matthew Trollinger.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the Fairfax County 4-H award recipients. These individuals have dedicated countless hours of service to ensure that the Fairfax County 4-H is able to provide exceptional leadership and learning opportunities to the youth of Fairfax County, Virginia.

IN SUPPORT OF THE SENATE
AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3684 INFRA-
STRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND
JOBS ACT**HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BONAMICI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).

The American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) gives the overall infrastructure in the United States a dismal C- rating—and many of ASCE's scoring categories, including roads, waterways, levees, transit, and wastewater, score lower than the nation's overall average. Our national infrastructure is crumbling, outdated, and in urgent need of significant upgrades. Additionally, the largest source of energy-related carbon dioxide emissions in the country comes from the transportation sector, which disproportionately affects low-income communities and communities of color. Though this legislation leaves out many of the crucial climate provisions in the House-passed INVEST in America Act, it still represents a robust and meaningful investment in a more connected and resilient nation.

The IIJA makes overdue investments in our nation's transportation sector. IIJA provides \$110 billion for roads, bridges, and major projects, and makes some notable investments in clean transportation by providing more than \$20 billion for electric vehicle